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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002 for two(2) month(s) from March 13, 2002 to May 13, 2002. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ETH1623/BST in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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